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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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-1. Claims: 1-17

1.1. Claims: 1-11

A method of treating manure and use of a certain flocculant in manure treatment.

1.2. Claims: 12-17

A method of promoting struvite formation and a composition therefor.

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